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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office action mailed on October 17, 2005, applicants hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). An advisory action was mailed December 27, 2005. Accordingly, a response is due on or before January 17, 2006 (without any extensions of time).

Applicants submit the following amendments for entry and request reconsideration of the present application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.